GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:119
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KILLING OF TURTLES IN ASSAM
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rampant killing coupled with lackadaisical attitude of concerned authorities have brought the Ganges Softshell Turtles to the brink of extinction in Silchar and Cochar districts of Assam;

(b) if so, the immediate steps taken by the Government to stop indiscriminate killing of turtles; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons indulged in this unlawful activity of catching and selling the turtles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b) & (c) Information is being collected from the State Government of Assam and will be laid on the Table of the House.